



Artists Jim Brodie (left) and Sebastian Di Mauro discuss one of Christine Ballinger's wood sculptures, with Childers Regional Gallery manager Nancy Calder at the opening of the New Directions exhibition.

Art exhibition puts Childers gallery on the map

The opening of the New Directions art exhibition has put the Childers Regional Gallery on the map, according to gallery manager Nancy Calder.

The exhibition, which was organised with the help of the Craft Council of Queensland, includes works by 22 artists, many of whom have exhibited their work throughout the world.

Ms Calder said more than 200 people attended the opening of the three week exhibition on Saturday.

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Although the staging of the exhibition had been a major undertaking, the resultant diversity and calibre of work made the exhibition unique, she said.

"This is the largest exhibition ever staged outside Brisbane, and we were delighted to be able to include work by such well-known artists."

Member for Isis Bill Nunn opened the exhibition on behalf of Premier Wayne Goss.

Mr Nunn said the quality of the work in the exhibition and the number of artists involved was indicative of the change in stance of people in country towns.

"People in country towns were becoming more interested and involved with art, Mr Nunn said.

The president of the Queensland Arts Council Sam Di Mauro, said the range of artists had been carefully selected to show the various trends in art.

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